

**[57] Abstract**

The invention relates to a rod doctor intended for metering the amount of coating mix applied to the surface of a moving web (5) of board or paper or to the applicator roll surface in a film-transfer coater and for leveling the applied coat, the rod doctor comprising a support frame element (2), a cradle (3) adapted into the support frame element (2), and a rod adapted to rotate in the cradle (3). The surfaces of the cradle (3) on which the rod (1) is adapted to rotate conformingly are coated by a surfacing layer (6) serving to improve the wear resistance and sliding friction properties of said surfaces.